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H.B. No. 128

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of a relative or other designated caregiver of a foster child for monetary assistance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 264.760, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 264.760. ELIGIBILITY FOR FOSTER CARE PAYMENTS AND PERMANENCY CARE ASSISTANCE. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, a relative or other designated caregiver ~~[who becomes licensed by the department or verified by a licensed child-placing agency or the department to operate a foster home, foster group home, agency foster home, or agency foster group home under Chapter 42, Human Resources Code,~~] may elect to receive foster care payments in lieu of the benefits provided by this subchapter~~[, beginning with the first month in which the relative or other designated caregiver becomes licensed or is verified]~~.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.